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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: DISCUSSION WITH POLISH REP ON NOV 7,
1974 ON EXCHANGE OF DATA

1. IN A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH US DEPREP ON NOVEMBER 7,
POLISH REP STRULAK RAISED QUESTION OF ALLIED PROPOSALS
FOR DATA EXCHANGE MADE IN THE NOVEMBER 5 INFORMAL
SESSION.

2. STRULAK COMMENTED THE PROPOSALS WERE INTERESTING,
BUT WHAT WOULD THEY LEAD TO IN PRACTICAL TERMS? WERE
THEY A DIVERSIONARY MOVE BY THE WEST DESIGNED TO DISTRACT
ATTENTION AND LEAD THE DISCUSSION INTO A LONG DRAWN-OUT
PALAVER? US DEPREP POINTED OUT THE EAST HAD CONTESTED
ALLIED TOTALS. THE EAST HAD CLAIMED THE WEST WAS

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ASKING TOO MANY REDUCTIONS. WEST HAD SHOWN ITS GOOD

FAITH ON THE GENERAL ISSUE OF DATA BY STATING ITS WILLINGNESS TO MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT IN GROUND FORCE DEFINITIONS. THE WEST HAD SAID IT CONSIDERED ITS FIGURES CORRECT BUT WAS WILLING TO ADJUST THEM IF THERE WAS OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE FOR THIS. AGREEMENT OF FIGURES MIGHT CAUSE ADJUSTMENT IN THE PROGRAM OF ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER. IF EAST SHOWED WEST REAL PROOF THAT IT WAS WRONG IN ITS FIGURES, THE WEST WOULD ACT ACCORDINGLY.

3. STRULAK SAID THAT THIS WAS INTERESTING, BUT WOULD A DATA EXCHANGE LEAD TO ANY SPECIFIC AGREEMENT IN 1975? US DEPREP SAID IT COULD BRING THE SIDES CLOSER AND MIGHT OPEN THE WAY TO SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDING. STRULAK ASKED WHETHER AGREEMENT ON DATA WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE DESIRE OF BOTH SIDES TO FIND SOME SPECIFIC AREA OF AGREEMENT THIS YEAR TO INDICATE THE OVERALL FEASIBILITY OF THE FORCE REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS. US DEPREP SAID THIS MIGHT BE THE CASE. IT WOULD DEFINITELY BE CONSIDERED BY ALL AS IMPORTANT IF AGREEMENT WERE REACHED ON DATA. BUT IT WAS NOT THE WESTERN INTENT TO USE DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT TO CROWD OUT DISCUSSION OF ALL OTHER TOPICS. RATHER, DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT COULD PROCEED PARALLEL WITH DISCUSSION OF OTHERS.

4. STRULAK COMMENTED THAT UK REP HAD SAID THAT THE ALLIED PROPOSAL ON DATA EXCHANGE WAS INTENDED AS A PLATFORM FOR DISCUSSION OF THE COMMON CEILING. US DEPREP REPEATED THAT THE ALLIES HAD POSED NO CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DISCUSSION OF DATA. WEST NATURALLY HOPED EAST WOULD SEE THE JUSTICE OF THEIR PROGRAM BUT EAST WAS NOT BEING ASKED TO SIGN ON TO ANYTHING IN ADVANCE. STRULAK ASKED WHAT ABOUT DATA ON ARMAMENTS AS WELL AS MANPOWER? US DEPREP SAID THE WEST HAD PROPOSED AN EXCHANGE OF DATA WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE POSITION OF EITHER SIDE ON OTHER TOPICS. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD DO WHAT BOTH SIDES WERE IN A POSITION TO DO. WEST WAS READY TO DISCUSS AIR FORCE MANPOWER, THUS MEETING EARLIER EASTERN COMPLAINTS THAT DISCUSSION OF GROUND FORCE DATA WOULD RESULT IN DISCUSSION WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE ON BASIS OF WESTERN PROGRAM.

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5. BEGIN NOFORN: STRULAK SAID THERE WERE PREBLEMS WITH THE POLISH MILITARY WHO WANTED TO KNOW WHAT SPECIFIC GAIN THERE WAS IN IT FOR THEM IF THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF DATA. US DEPREP SAID THAT POSSIBILITY DISCUSSION OF DATA MIGHT FINALLY CULMINATE IN DECREASED WESTERN DEMANDS FOR EASTERN REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE REASON ENOUGH FOR HOLDING SUCH A DISCUSSION.

6. STRULAK SAID HE INTENDED TO TAKE UP WESTERN PROPOSAL
ON DATA EXCHANGE WITH WARSAW AUTHORITIES ON A VISIT
WHICH STARTS NOVEMBER 9. THIS DETAIL IS SENSITIVE.
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